

IN THE ABSTRACT:

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An information recording/reproducing device for at least one of recording information on and reproducing information from a disc-like recording medium, includes a disc cartridge housing the recording medium, with the disc cartridge including a case main body having a housing part for housing the recording medium, with the housing part having an exterior surface, an aperture that allows a light beam to enter from an optical pickup that is provided to at least one principle plane of the case main body, a thin bridge part provided to the aperture, which is thinner than a cartridge case, and located closer to the exterior surface than the recording medium, and a shutter for opening and closing the aperture, a turntable for rotating the recording medium, and an optical pickup that emits a light beam to the recording medium so as to at least one of record and reproduce the information, and which moves to/retracts from the aperture of the disc cartridge. A mechanism moves the optical pickup in an in-plane direction of the recording medium, and an objective lens is located farther from the exterior surface than the recording medium. In at least one of a case where the recording medium is to be mounted to the turntable together with the disc cartridge, and a case where the recording medium is to be removed from the turntable together with the disc cartridge, the objective lens is retracted into a position opposite to the thin bridge part of the disc cartridge.--